

# DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST  
☐ ANSWER  
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST  
☐ UNTIMELY

DATE: 7/16/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-690

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division

## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Joseph Henry "Joe" Lang  
Address: 10322 Main Street, Atlanta, LA 71404  
Office/Position: Atlanta Board of Alderman / Atlanta / Winn  
# of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 7  
Years Covered: 2014-2019  
Final Report: Yes

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2019  
Report ID: PFD21001629  
Original Due Date: 7/6/2020  
NOD Received: 2/11/2021  
NOD Signed by: Mail Carrier: Covid-19  
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 2/23/2021  
PFD/Answer Filed: 3/9/2021

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$700  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 14  
Total days late from initial due date: 246  
Late Fee Order Received: 5/1/2021  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/21/2021  
Waiver Request Received: 5/26/2021

## COMMENTS:

Joseph Lang is requesting a waiver for the late filing of his final PFD. Mr. Lang stated he was unaware he was required to file a final disclosure after his term had ended. Once the mayor explained to him why the report was needed he turned it in. He got married December 2018, and since then he and his new bride made several trips to Alabama to visit friends, so he was not always available to get in contact with. The certified letter he received the other day (the Late Fee Order) was at the back of his mail box and he did not sign for it. The Mayor traced down the delivery date and time. He stated he receives his mail between 10:00AM and 10:30AM, and the tracking showed a delivery time of 8:27AM. He said, the mayor inquired with the Postal Service and was informed that because of COVID, mail carriers can leave a letter in the box. Mr. Lang did not understand the waiver process after speaking with BOE Staff, so he reached out to the mayor again for help. The mayor called the BOE on his behalf and then explained to Mr. Lang what he needed to do. Mr. Lang has not worked much due to the weather, and he was confused about the filing requirement and waiver, since he does not understand all the rule of the State. He asks the Ethics Board to forgive this matter, since he still helps the Village of Atlanta and Mayor when he can. He takes pride in his community and the people and is sorry. He thanks the mayor and Ethics Board for being so helpful in this case.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: Yes 2018 \$750 All Suspended
- Reassessed Late Fees: ~~No~~ Yes

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

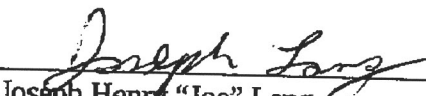
STATE OF LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
P.O. BOX 4368  
BATON ROUGE LA 70821

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LATE FEE REQUEST FOR WAIVER  
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Sincerely,

  
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Joseph Henry "Joe" Lang

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Late Fee Waiver- Report: PFD21001629**

**TO: ASHLEY WIMBERLEY**

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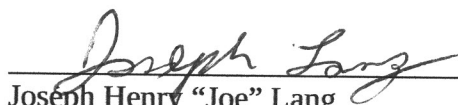
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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

February 9, 2021

Joseph Henry "Joe" Lang  
12033 Main Street  
Atlanta, LA 71404

**RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - FAILURE TO FILE**

**Statement covering 2019 (originally due on June 8, 2020)**

**Atlanta Board of Alderman / Atlanta / Winn**

Dear Mr. Lang:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of our records indicates that we have not received your Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

**You have 7 business days from the date of receipt of this Notice** to file your Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2019, which was originally due on June 8, 2020, or to submit an Answer explaining why you feel you are not required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. Failure to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement or an Answer within the 7 business days will subject you to an automatic late fee of \$50 per day up to a maximum of \$1,500. Proof of timely filing is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark; receipt from the U.S. Postal Service; or receipt from a commercial delivery service.

The form for the Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (Form 418a) is available on the Louisiana Board of Ethics website at [www.ethics.la.gov](http://www.ethics.la.gov). If you have any questions, you may contact me at 225/219-5600 or 800/842-6630.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ford  
Program Compliance Officer

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1. Article Addressed to:

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FEB 18 '21 PM 2:29

Joseph Henry "Joe" Lang  
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2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

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PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

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Domestic Return Receipt

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